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**DIVISION OF
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Dear Mr. Bown:

In August and September 2002, several surveys were conducted for the proposed expansion of your current operations at the Dove Creek Quarry in the Raft River Range. These surveys were done for the preparation of a Biological Evaluation of the possible impacts to threatened or endangered plant and animal species. Surveys were also conducted of spring and seep areas in the proximity of your proposed operations to determine possible impacts to water quality and riparian areas. We are also reviewing cultural report maps of the area to see if the areas of your proposed expansion are covered by existing cultural reports. These reports will need to be done before we can complete the environmental assessment of your proposed operations. We are in the process of sending out a scoping letter for your proposed operation to assist us in the environmental assessment process.

During the surveys, it was determined that of the two routes that you had flagged to avoid the damaged spring area, the northernmost route would involve the least amount of new ground disturbance and would have less impact on other seeps and springs in the area. If this route is used, then the section of the road where it crosses the dry stream channel should be graveled to avoid sedimentation during wet periods. Also, where this proposed road intersects the old two-track road there are several small meadow areas that could be avoided by tying directly into the Interstate Road and not using the two-track route.

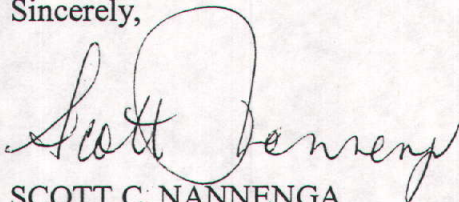
We also found during the surveys a seep area directly below the proposed Vertical Cloud Quarry that appears saturated and unstable. During one of our visits, Preston indicated that waste rock could be placed in a way so as not to cover this seep area.

As we have discussed in the past, you will need to submit further information for your plan amendment that addresses the utilization and reclamation of the Interstate Road and the construction of the new section of road to avoid the damaged spring area. You will also need to address how you will conduct operations at the Vertical Cloud Quarry to avoid impacts to the seep area. We will also need to know if you plan to expand the existing quarries considerably and what your plans are for public access through the new quarry areas. Enclosed is a map showing seep and spring areas in the proximity of your proposed operations including the seep areas below the Vertical Cloud Quarry.



If you have any questions, you may contact Steve Flock, Minerals Management Specialist, at the above address or telephone number.

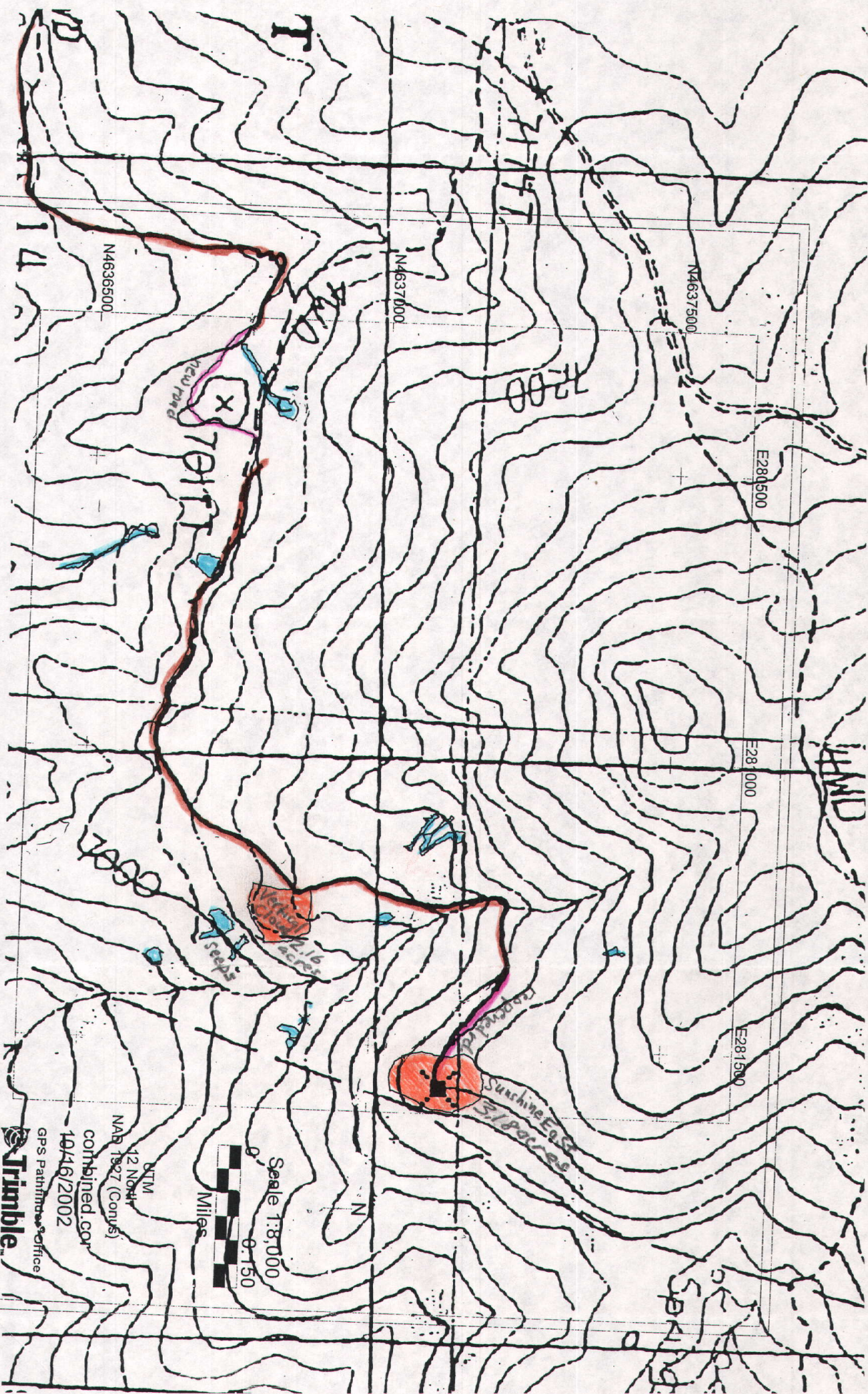
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott Nannenga". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Nannenga".

SCOTT C. NANNENGA
Burley/Twin Falls District Ranger

Enclosure: Proposed Expansion Map

cc: Jeff Gabardi
Lynn Kunzler



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